GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by the various Departments under his Ministry on various heads during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government propose any economy drive to reduce expenditure on publicity, advertisement, entertainment, catering, inauguration functions, seminars, tours within the country and abroad, including the payment made against STD and ISTD Bills, electricity bills particularly the bills of airconditioners and coolers and the other such expenditure; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) : Details of expenditure on the Railways are maintained function-wise and not department-wise. This function-wise break-up is reflected in the various demands for grants. The year wise amount spent by the Ministry of Railways on various heads under various demands for grants is available in `THE DEMANDS FOR GRANTS For Expenditure of the Central Government on RAILWAYS PART-II` presented in the House along with the Railway Budget.

(b) & (c) : Railways are taking steps to both control expenditure and increase revenue for maintaining the financial viability of the system. Measures to control expenditure by improving staff productivity, asset utilization, inventory management, fuel consumption, austerity in areas such as travel, publicity, hospitality etc. are being implemented. The austerity and economy instructions, issued by the Ministry of Finance, are also followed scrupulously on the Railways. The zonal railways have been given a saving target of Rs.650 cr. over the current year`s Budget to be achieved by implementing the various expenditure control measures.